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This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone July 18-21, 2013, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including landline and cell phone-only respondents. Results have a 3.5 point error margin. The error margin is 4.5 points for the sample of white respondents and 11 points among African Americans. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

*= less than 0.5 percent

Questions 1-28 held for release.

29. On another subject, do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?

	Receive equal treatment	Do not receive equal treatment	No opinion
Among all:			
7/21/13	45	50	6
4/8/12	37	55	7
2/4/97	55	38	6
5/7/96	36	55	9
10/6/95	44	50	6
10/3/95	47	44	8
9/27/95	47	46	6
4/30/92	39	50	11
7/2/88*	43	43	15

*Associated Press/Media General Poll

Among African Americans:

7/21/13	8	86	6
4/8/12	10	84	6
2/4/97	19	78	3
5/7/96	12	81	7
10/6/95	9	88	2
10/3/95	19	73	8
9/27/95	12	87	2
4/30/92	8	89	3

Among whites:

7/21/13	54	41	6
4/8/12	44	49	7
2/4/97	61	32	7
5/7/96	41	49	10
10/6/95	52	42	6
10/3/95	52	40	8
9/27/95	54	39	7
4/30/92	46	43	12

30. There is a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, shot and killed an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. As far as you've heard do you think this shooting was justified or unjustified, or do you not know enough about it to say?

	Justified	Unjustified	Don't know enough to say	No opinion
7/21/13 All	26	40	32	2
Blacks	5	87	8	0
Whites	33	33	32	2
4/8/12* All	4	44	51	1

Blacks	1	80	19	0
Whites	5	38	56	1

*"There recently was a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer shot and killed an unarmed teenager..."

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's verdict last week finding Zimmerman not guilty in Martin's death? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion	
7/21/13 All	41	27	14	41	8	32	18	
7/21/13 Blacks	9	6	3	86	3	84	5	
7/21/13 Whites	51	35	17	31	9	22	18	

32. Regardless of the verdict in the state criminal court, do you think the federal government should or should not charge Zimmerman in federal court with violating Martin's civil rights?

	Should be charged	Should not be charged	No opinion
7/21/13 All	39	46	15
7/21/13 Blacks	81	13	6
7/21/13 Whites	27	59	14

Questions 33-36 held for release.

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	31	21	37	7	4
5/19/13	33	22	38	5	2
4/14/13	33	23	36	5	3
3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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